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Worship Times
Saturday Vigil Mass, 4:00p
Sunday Mass, 11:15a, En espanol, 1:30p
Daily Mass, Holy Days Consult Bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays, 3:00-4:00p

Sunday Mass, 9:00a
Holy Days 7:00p
Communion Service Consult bulletin
Sacrament of Reconciliation By appointment

Welcome, New Parishioners
We are a Stewardship Community, sharing our time, talent, and treasure, in the most life-giving ways possible. Parishioners are expected to participate in weekly worship, in our community life, and in our service among our dear neighbors.

Sacramental Life ~ Baptism, Confirmation, Eucharist, Matrimony
For Sacrament preparation, you must be a registered, active member and attend preparation sessions.

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)
For those who desire to explore the Catholic Faith, spirituality, customs, and practices.

Anointing of the Sick
For those with chronic illness or who are pre-surgery, contact Father John or Sister Janis

November 17, 2019
Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
In the second to last Sunday of the Church Year, the Word is one of reckoning on The Day of the Lord. In the first reading, Malachi prophesizes to those who seem unwilling to tune in and listen to God. Turing a deaf ear to the prophet’s conversion call, these evildoers, who oppress widows and orphans, will meet with the blazing judgment of God. Those who willingly heed the call to recommit to the Covenant, have nothing to fear. Blessings will be theirs: the sun of justice, with its healing rays, will shine in their hearts.

Paul, Silvanus and Timothy in the Letter to the Thessalonians remind the community that they ought to imitate Christ. Those who believe in Jesus express their faith in him though their thoughts, words, and deeds. The chosen First Followers worked tirelessly “night and day” to live a Christ-centered life. They were committed to his mission of living the Golden Rule: love with your whole heart, mind, and soul and your neighbor as you love yourself. They were relentless in proclaiming Christ’s reign. They avoided meddling in others’ lives, judging others or of fueling gossip about them. They knew these behaviors created dissension and division in the community.

In the gospel, Jesus has some hash, hard-to-hear words. He’s preparing his followers of the personal earthquakes, famines, and plagues they will experience in the form of betrayals, imprisonments, and persecutions. What will be their sustaining grace throughout these difficult experiences? Perseverance is the virtuous grace that will sustain them. Persevering in faith is their path to everlasting life. It is our path and sustain grace, too.

**Catholic Social Teaching Principles**

- Life and Dignity of the Human Person
- Solidarity
- Care for God's Creation
- Call to Family, Community and Participation
- Option for the Poor and Vulnerable
- Rights and Responsibilities
- Dignity of Work and Rights of Workers

(These principles are taught / explained of each level of Youth Faith Formation from their Catechism, titled What the Church Believes and Teaches).

**Sunday Scriptures**

| Malachi 3:19-20a | 2 Thes 3:7-12 |
| Ps 98:5-9 | Luke 21:5-19 |

**Reflecting & Acting on the Word**

> What is your response to your personal wars, earthquakes, famine, or plagues”, those ongoing battles; “heart”quakes when your life is shaken and disrupted; your times of hungering for respite, joy, relationship, etc., and those situations or relationships that feel like a plague that has no antidote”?
Check out our website’s new additions & updates

**NOVEMBER**

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**The Sisters of St. Joseph ~ Maxim 64**

Seek to be kind always to everyone and unkind to no one.

🔹 Each person who crosses my path is An opportunity for me to be Love.
🔹 I curb my tongue when I feel like speaking an unkind word.
🔹 All creation deserves my reverence and respect.

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Has your address / email address changed in the past year? Have you canceled your land line and only using your cell phone now? Please email your current contact info to: Connect@StStephenNC.org Thank you!

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**Pope Francis’ Third World Day of the Poor ~ November 17**

Catholic Relief Services: suggested ways to get involved:

**Advocating for the Global Fraility Act.** Violence and conflict perpetuate and exacerbate root causes of poverty. Urge your members of Congress to pass the Global Fraility Act which will enable the U.S. to implement a strategy to prevent violent conflict in priority areas around the world.

**Raising money for the poorest and most vulnerable people worldwide.** Design your own community fundraiser to support the needs of the poor around the world.

**Leading the Way through prayer and action to a more just world.** Join others and work together to tackle the most pressing global issues of our time and support our brothers and sisters living in poverty.